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she drunke halfe, and gaue the rest to *Sinotrix* to drinke; and then, with great reuerence before the Altar, said, *Death is to mee sweet and pleasing, sith it will speedily throw me into the armes of my well-belaue'd Sinuatus, for to shew him the reuenge I haue taken of his death: And thus shee ioyfully died.*

The sincere affection of *Publica Prisca*, wife of *Germinius*, is also famous, for her husband accused of the crime of *treason*, for attempting on the person of *Caesar*; who for his iustification hauing made his Testament, and in it made the Prince his heire: yet notwithstanding came one to pronounce him his death, he presently stab'd himselfe, and said to him, *Goe to the Senate, and tell them that I die as a man ought to die, that is, with great constancie.* *Prisca*, his wife, prayed to Heaven so, *That if by the diuine providence, my deare husband*

is to die, doe mee, O God, the fauour
and grace, that the same Atropos cut
also the thread of my daies, that I passe
not them in a languishing and lamenta-
ble life, exposed to an infinite number
of griefes, sorrowes, and vexations,
which the remembrance of my deare
husbands death will engender mee.
Which hauing said, thee fell vpon
her dying Husband, and with
the same ponyard kild her-
selfe, to accompany
him.

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The Fortitude and Valour
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CHAP. X.

THe immortall glory and heroicall actions of Women, and their generous courages, hath ecclipsed all the most renowned deeds of men ; their glory cannot onely be contained within the limits that stout and valiant *Aleides* hath planted : the circuit hee hath marked, his happiest conquests, and immortalized his glorious Trophies is farre too little ; their glory hath dilated and extended through all Climates & Countries of the world.
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It hath here belowe on earth no other bounds but the Ocean, nor limits aboue in Heauen but eterni-ty, as the fidelity of Histories repor-teth, and witnesseth.

Simiramis hath beene eternally renowned to all posterity, she raig-ned with great power in *Babilon* by the space of fortie yeares: She was Queene of the *Assirians*, and Wife to King *Ninus*; the King her Hus-band being dead, she bore her selfe prudently and wisely; for conside-ring that the *Assirians* would diffi-cultly indure to be ruled and com-manded by a Woman, if they had knowne the death of their King, she dissembled his death, till her Sonne had attained the age to beare armes. She hath flourished in Warres, in Victories, and in Riches more then any mortal Princeesse, for her Armes and Armies were alwaies victorious: She receiuing ignominious speeches
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